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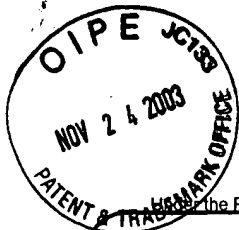
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In response to the second Office action dated October 22, 2003, please amend the remaining claims 15-20 of the above-identified application in accordance with the following claim amendment section.

Applicant respectfully requests that the original and amended claims 15 -20 be re-examined and reconsidered for allowance based on the reasons enumerated in the following remarks section.



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